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Events in the world outside our borders have displaced in interest during the past week the severely local matters that have been monopolizing attention for some months.

We are to have a Dominion election almost immediately. That is now certain. Still more momentous are the matters which statesmen in the Old Land have been dealing with. They have been in the throes of the greatest constitutional crisis since the passing of the Reform bill eighty years ago. The change in the status of the House of Lords is assured by the announcement that the King has consented to create enough new Peers to swamp the Unionist majority in the Upper Chamber. The question now is whether that party will force the taking of such action or not. On top of this large question of domestic politics, that has aroused such dissensions, has come one in regard to which the people are of one mind, Germany, by a move which can hardly be explained in any other way than that it is looking for trouble, has thrown international relations into a ferment and made it necessary for the British ministry, through a speech given at the Mansion House by Lloyd-George, to issue a direct warning that there were some things which no self-respecting nation could allow to pass without a sharp challenge.

between an internal revolution in Germany and a European war. Perhaps the latter as was the case in France, will be necessary to bring about the former.

Despite the terrific outcry which is being made by the "last-ditchers," the element in the Unionist party which wishes to force the government to take the extreme step of creating the additional peers, there is little likelihood that they will have their way. Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne are too strong a combination not to be able to enforce their will on the party.

What could be gained by the move is impossible to understand. The Veto bill would be passed in any case and the prestige of the House of Lords by the bringing in of so many new members, simply to serve a temporary party purpose, would be seriously impaired. The effect of the changes that the bill makes is that the Lords will be prevented in the future from holding up legislation indefinitely, but they may delay its passage for two sessions.

This is a very useful check and about the only one that can be safely given such a body under democratic institutions, which those of Great Britain are in point of fact. The Lords may still prevent the passing of hasty legislation that it is desirable to have the public think over for a time.

The peculiar feature of the present movement against Balfour and Lansdowne is that the leading spirits in it are men who have but very recently come to occupy the seats of the mighty. Earl Halsbury, who delivered the speech which served

an offence or even an indiscretion. For in some cases it is only by the use of this instrument that a small majority with strong views can draw adequate attention to those views."

Mr. Borden and his colleagues can and undoubtedly will force a general election. That is inevitable. But if an immediate appeal is made before the introduction of a redistribution bill, it will involve a gross injustice to the West and not be a real test of the opinion of the country.

The Liberals stand to gain by the increase in the representation of this part of the country, with reciprocity the straight issue. But if they persist in bringing the contest on before redistribution they will afford their opponents the chance to neutralize very seriously the advantage which their trade policy would give.

Mr. Borden has made his position remarkably clear. Whatever is said to his detriment, it cannot be held that he is going into the impending campaign leaving doubt as to where he stands on such questions as will have to be considered. He wishes an election on reciprocity but he asks that it be deferred till the census returns are sufficiently complete to allow a rearrangement of seats. He gave the government warning last March as to what his course would be and urged that the census enumeration be hastened in view of the possibility of an appeal to the country.

But nothing was done in accordance with his suggestion. The census has been taken in a most leisurely fashion and as it is still far from complete, there is only one thing to do and that is to let reciprocity stand over till a redistribution bill can be

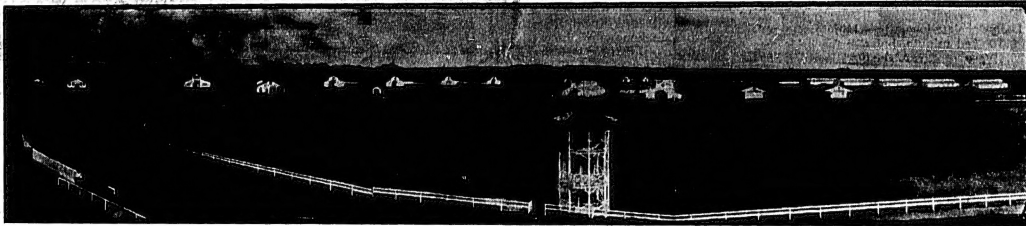
week, it looked as if by this time Edmonton would be in the throes of the hottest municipal campaign in its history. Ald. McKinley had resigned to make a test of public opinion on the policy which the council has been pursuing since the first of the year. But for some reason or other the fight seems hard to get going.

Mr. Thomas Bellamy, a man of considerable experience in municipal life and twice an unsuccessful candidate for the mayoralty, announced his willingness to stand as a candidate endorsing what the council had done. But the situation has advanced no further.

It would be very strange, after all the rumpus of recent months, if a decisive contest did not come off. It is very essential that it should. A clear-cut issue has arisen and it has to be decided before the city can do business properly.

The Board of Trade trip throughout the Edmonton territory fully realized all that was expected of it. The flourishing conditions that were found on every hand had the effect of begetting new confidence in what the future holds immediately in store for the city to which all this country looks as its chief centre. The good-fellowship stimulated also means much in the working out of the plans for the promotion of the city's welfare. The arrangements were excellent and the presentation made to Secretary Fisher was fitting evidence of the appreciation of his services in this connection.

The Edmonton Exhibition



A VIEW OF THE GROUNDS

Public opinion both in Britain and France is thoroughly aroused and backing the two governments. The entente cordiale thus receives new strength and the anti-German feeling, which has been such a factor in British public affairs of late must necessarily be accentuated. This is extremely unfortunate. Two nations of such pronounced racial and historical affinities should not be at all times snarling at one another's heels.

The trouble is not with the German people but with the autocracy at their head. The Kaiser has from the moment that he ascended the throne shown himself a source of danger to European peace and general international goodwill. The speech which his chancellor gave a few months ago when the arbitration agreement between Great Britain and the United States was announced, in which he scouted the idea that international disputes of any consequence could ever be settled but by the appeal to arms, showed how completely out of touch with the general tendencies of the age those in authority at Berlin are.

This last move in Morocco fully bears out what has been alleged by the men who have been warning Britain to prepare for a struggle with the power across the North Sea. It looks as if the German Emperor is really building up his great fighting machine with an idea of territorial aggression. If that is the case, would it not perhaps be better if a challenge of strength were made now and this foe to progress disposed of by the nations which wish to walk in that way?

It is coming to that unless some change is made in the ideas that prevail at the German capital. It does seem strange that a nation that has, outside the field of government, made such enormous contributions to civilization, whose people reach so high a standard of character and intelligence, should occupy the position that it does in international politics. As things are, it looks like a choice

to launch the revolt, is a Cockney lawyer, who made his way to the highest post that a man of his profession can occupy, solely by his own ability. The Earl of Selborne, who is mentioned as a possible successor to Lord Lansdowne, is the son of another self-made lawyer, Sir Roundell Palmer, while Mr. Chamberlain, whose support has done so much to give the driving force, was twenty-five years ago, regarded as a dangerous Radical. Of course associated with these men are men of genuine patrician lineage, but the mass of the real aristocrats will undoubtedly follow Mr. Balfour and Lord Lansdowne, the right of either of whom to speak for the old nobility is not likely to be challenged.

Coming to our own country, we find the Opposition at Ottawa engaged in carrying out its intention to use all constitutional means to prevent the passing of the reciprocity bill without an appeal being made to the country first. Government supporters are talking a great deal about the obstruction that is being indulged in as if it were a public crime. Those who are still young can remember how the Opposition under the then Mr. Wilfrid Laurier in 1896 talked out the life of the parliament chosen five years before in order to prevent the Manitoba school bill from becoming law. The Conservative members at the present time are sticking fairly closely to the subject of reciprocity. The Liberals in 1896 wandered all over the face of the globe to find something to talk about that would kill time.

Whether this should be allowed or not is a question but it is undoubtedly recognized as a privilege under our institutions and at times has been put to a very good use. Mr. Gladstone some years before his death had this to say and his words have often been quoted by foes as well as friends:—

"To prolong debate even by persistent iteration on legislative measures is not necessarily an outrage,

hurried through and then dissolve.

The charges against the Minister of the Interior are evidently to be investigated more thoroughly than seemed at first likely. The proceedings will be followed with keen interest. There is the danger, however, that dissolution will interfere before there is a chance to bring out any information that is worth while.

Whether the monies which it is admitted Mr. Oliver deposited in the bank were improperly obtained or not, there is the larger question as to the character of the transaction with the C.N.R., which it has been suggested might have had something to do with the funds that the minister handled.

On the face of it the transaction was as scandalous as any that has arisen in the course of our political annals. Yet only a few of the untrammelled Conservative papers have had anything to say in regard to it. Mr. Borden did not mention it on his western tour.

Why is this? One explanation immediately suggests itself. It has been stated frequently that the large corporations are all large contributors to the campaign funds of both parties and that they are able to control the course of both in respect to any matters that may affect them.

The silence in regard to this land deal lends the strongest color to such a charge. If it is well founded, we may well tremble for the state of our public life. The need is very pressing for sending to Ottawa a few men who are not bound down by party regulations, who are anxious to throw light on dishonesty and incompetence, no matter who is hit. Everyone knows how difficult it is to get such men into parliament but surely it is not a hopeless task to set ourselves to attempt to do so.

When The Saturday News went to press last

The laying of the corner stone of the new building of the First Presbyterian Church on Fifth Street this week served to call attention to the broad lines on which this congregation is preparing for the development that is in prospect. The structure will be one of the finest in the West and in all respects a credit to the city and to the denomination. It is a matter of particular satisfaction that the enterprise is being carried through while the man who presided over the work of the church through its pioneer stages is still at the height of his powers.

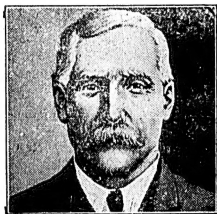
Mr. P. Burns announces that he will this year commence the erection of the packing plant in Edmonton which he has had in contemplation for some time past. It will cost, it is said, in the neighborhood of a million dollars and the site will be near that of the Swift Co. Thus does the future of Edmonton as a packing centre become assured. The progress which the plant already in existence has made since its establishment has been phenomenal and there can be little doubt that five years from now we shall have seen in our midst a reproduction of the remarkable development which the expansion of the live stock trade has brought to Chicago, Omaha and other American cities.

The general feeling appears to be that the gas agreement with the International Company which the citizens will vote upon in two weeks' time is such that it would be in the general interests to adopt. The Saturday News has all along been convinced that it would be wise to make a bargain with a company and in the present instance there is no doubt that an excellent one has been effected.

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The London Mail gives the following account of a recent sensational social happening in London:

A large party of guests who were invited to the wedding of Lady Constance Foljambe and the Rev. Hezekiah Astley Kemp Hawkins at St. Peter's, Eaton square, S. W., yesterday afternoon, were startled by the sudden news that the bride had disappeared.

Lady Constance Blanche Althea Mary Foljambe, who is the fourth living daughter of the late Earl of Liverpool, and half-sister to the present earl, was found to be missing at a quarter-past twelve. No one saw her leave her brother's house at 44, Grosvenor-Gardens, where she was residing, and she left no message. The wedding ceremony was to have taken place at two o'clock and it was expected that she would return to the house in time to drive to the church. But two o'clock came and she was still absent.

At the church all was ready. One hundred and fifty guests were gathered near the altar, and in the vestry the clergyman who was to perform the ceremony, Canon the Hon. R. Alderly, was waiting in his robes. In the church were the bridesmaids—Lady Rosamond Foljambe, Miss Mary Foljambe, Miss Evelyn Ponsonby, and Miss Viola Rickett. The bride's mother, the Dowager Countess of Liverpool, who was to have given her away, was there with her sons, the bride's brothers.

There was no hint of the dramatic denouement that was to come. The bridegroom, who is the vicar of Whitwell-on-the-Hill, Yorkshire, was chatting with his friends, smiling happily. Two o'clock struck, but the proverbial privilege of brides to be late caused no misgivings. Once a stir of interest passed through the congregation, but it was only some belated guests. Minute succeeded minute, but still the bride was absent. A subdued hum of conversation arose in the pews.

By a quarter-past two a growing impression of uneasiness had reached a climax. Some hazarded the suggestion that the bride time for the wedding was half-past two and not two o'clock. The bridegroom, near the altar, was patiently waiting. He spoke in a low tone to his best man, Dr. Jolly, and then the pair held a consultation with Canon Alderly. More than once they glanced eagerly at the great door of the church. Lady Constance was still absent. Nor was there any sign of the Earl of Liverpool, her half-brother, who was waiting at his house to escort Lady Constance to the church.

The pretence that all was well no longer held. Men looked from their watches to the door, women carried on subdued conversation in whispers. A messenger was sent in a motor-car to 44, Grosvenor-gardens, the house of the Earl of Liverpool.

In a few minutes he returned and whispered something to the little family group in the aisle. The pale face of the bridegroom grew paler still, and he staggered a little. Someone put out a supporting hand, and he was gently led to the door and escorted back to his hotel. In a whisper the news passed through the congregation that there would be no wedding that day. It was within a few minutes of three o'clock. No marriage could take place after that hour and it was useless waiting, though some of the guests lingered until the hour had struck, hoping against hope.

At Lord Liverpool's house there was also consternation. No one had seen Lady Constance leave, the first news of her disappearance was at a quarter-past twelve, when a maid who went to her room found that she was absent. A hurried search was made with no result. Then another servant said that she had seen Lady Constance at Victoria Station shortly after mid-day.

At the house as at the church The bride who didn't appear all was ready for the celebration of the wedding. The wedding breakfast was laid and all preparations were complete for a joyous gathering on the return from the church. But instead of laughter

there was gloom, and a dreary silence reigned over the household.

Mr. George Savile Foljambe, a cousin of Lady Constance, stated last night to a representative of this journal: "We have no reason to suppose that Lady Constance Foljambe is not safe and well."

Lady Constance Foljambe is twenty-six years old. Her eldest sister, Lady Edith Foljambe, married Major D'Arcy Legard, of the 17 Lancers in 1908, and another sister, Lady Mabel Foljambe, married Dr. William Woodburn, of Theale, near Reading. Lord Liverpool, who succeeded to the Peerage in 1907, is Comptroller of His Majesty's Household, and was State Steward and Chamberlain to the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland from 1906 to 1908. He married in 1897 the Hon. Annette Louise Monck, the only daughter of Viscount Monck.

One exploit by Lady Constance Foljambe was of a peculiarly daring nature. With two other ladies she made an ascent of the spire of Whitwell Church—of which Mr. Hawkins is vicar—two years ago. The spire was then in the hands of steeplejacks.

The Rev. Hezekiah Astley Kemp Hawkins, who is forty-eight years of age, was educated at Chichester College, and was ordained a priest in 1886 in the diocese of Southwell. He was curate at Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottingham, from 1885 to 1888, and Cheshire, Derbyshire, from 1888 to 1892. Since then he has been vicar of Whitwell-on-the-Hill, a village with a population of 171, the gross income of the living being £183. Whitwell-on-the-Hill is near Kirkham Abbey, the residence of the Dowager Countess of Liverpool, Lady Constance's mother.

The news that no wedding had taken place did not become known at Whitwell until late in the evening. During the afternoon the bells of Whitwell Church were rung in honour of the wedding that was supposed to have been celebrated and bunting was displayed in the village.

WALKING

It is in the teaching of nature and of medicine and the common experience of mankind that the body that does not exercise stiffens and rusts. This is freely conceded by everybody, but not everybody, alas! translates his belief into practise. Unless exercise can be varied and made pleasant it is a tedious business. Swing- ing Indian clubs, raising dumbbells or going through the various movements of the "home gymnastics," so popular a few years ago, soon become monotonous. The man who can keep it up every day, year in and year out, possesses an enviable will-power that is in itself akin to genius. Fortunately, no one is compelled to do this; indeed, it is better not to do it exclusively, for indoor exercise is insufficient, and is a poor substitute for tennis, golf, rowing, riding, and, best of all, because within the power of all able-bodied persons, walking.

By walking is not meant strolling. That is better than sitting in an armchair by the fire, for it takes one into the open air and ventilates the lungs and stirs up the sluggish circulation in a measure, but it is not walking exercise.

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But presently I heard the little lad
Mocked by his comrades, who tried to repeat
His tone, and he made no attempt to meet
Their taunts, but suffered on, alone and sad.

Ah, little boy, I thought, indeed you erred
To have a voice so different from the rest;
Perhaps one day you may pronounce that word
Exactly like the others; it is best,
Unless you dare unto yourself be true,
To acquiesce and do as others do.
HILDA RIDLEY.
In the "Canadian Magazine."

HERE is Robert Louis Stevenson's "Fool Paradise." If enson's description of appears in a letter to a friend in the "New Stevenson Letters." "That is a happy land, if you like—and not so far away either. Take a fool's advice and let us strive without ceasing to get into it. Hark in your ear again: 'They allow people to reason in that land.' I wish I could take you by the hand and lead you away into its pleasant boundaries. There is no custom-house on the frontier, and you may take in what books you will. There are no manners and customs; but men and women grow up, like trees in a still, well-walled garden, at their own sweet will.' There is no prescribed or customary folly—no motley, cap, or bauble; out of the well of each one's innate absurdity he is allowed and encouraged freely to draw and to communicate; and it is a strange thing how this natural fooling comes so high to one's better thoughts of wisdom; and stranger still, that all this discord of people speaking in their own natural moods and keys, masses itself into a far more perfect harmony than all the dismal, official unison in which they sing in other countries. Parting seems best all the world over.

"I who live in England must wear the hackneyed symbols of the profession, to show that I have (at least) consular immunities, coming as I do out of another land, where they are not so wise as they are here, but fancy that God likes what he makes and is not pleased with us when we deface and dissemble all that he has given us and put about us to one common standard of—-Highly-Tightly!—-when was a jestler obliged to finish his sentence? I cut so strong a pique that all my bells jingle, and come down in an attitude, with one hand upon my hip. The evening's entertainment is over,—and if our kind friends something to be able, as

Stevenson did, to find such a Paradise, isn't it?
Last night, talking to an old friend, he remarked, 'Isn't it remarkable how unoriginal and stereotyped the average person is? Almost before you ask a question you know your answer.'
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'And yet,' said I, 'in that way lies peace. A Stevenson can fly to a Vaillana, and there enjoy a "Fool's Paradise," but does he forget the London way of regarding Originals.
Listen to this reply to a letter of his friend, Henley's:

"As for my poor literature, dear Henley, you must expect for a time to find it worse and worse. Perhaps, if God favors me a little at last, it will pick up again. Now I am fighting with both hands, a hard battle, and my work, while it will be as good as I can make it, will probably be worth twopence. If you despised the "Duckey," dear boy, you should have told me so at the time, not reserved it for a sudden revelation just now when I am down in health, wealth, and fortune. But I am glad you have said so at last. Never, please, delay such confidences any more. If they come quickly, they are a help; if they come after long silence, they feel almost like a faint."

They keep more stock-pattern judgments and people in the better than they do odd sizes. Better make a fortune or else conform to the crowd.
Heated a "Canadian Wedding Reception" the Tatter gives the following remarkable account of how these interesting affairs are pulled off in "Canada."
"In Canada a wedding in the backwoods, coming more rarely than it does here, is a great event. The guests, who arrive by all kinds of curious and unconventional vehicles or on horseback, many coming hundreds of miles, arrive for the most part the night before if the wedding happens to be in one of the outlying districts. Each one looks after his own horses, grooming and feeding them and tying them up for the night, and then proceeds to look after himself, for he will find no trim housemaid to bring him hot water or anything else, and will think himself lucky if he gets a bed to sleep in; if not, he will quite happily roll himself up in his blankets and sleep on the floor. Next day the marriage ceremony will be performed, most probably by a padre who has travelled many miles or even hundreds of miles for the purpose, his parish being perhaps nearly as large as England. After it is over the

company give themselves over to revelry with a zest that perhaps is hardly known anywhere except in far-off outposts of our Empire."
I am afraid some of our Canadian housewives or lecturers have been getting in some more of their fine work. I should suggest however, that The Tatter's description of "a Canadian Wedding Reception" hardly accurately describes these characteristic functions among us. Nor indeed are weddings such rare events in "Canada" as they seem to imagine.

A trip to a real back-woods settlement would also put "The Tatter" wise to the business-like method with which they despatch these small trifles "in the far-off outposts of our Empire."

Quite true there will be no trim housemaids. Neither will any one look after his "esses. He'll be dead in luck to have one— And neither again will "guests" arrive from hundreds of miles in curious and unconventional vehicles. The author of this article has got the wrong drop altogether, and has mixed his informant's description of a circus and a wedding reception.

Oh, no, we don't mind at all. We've made mistakes ourselves at times. Really very amusing. Might we ask if The Tatter has any intention of following up with any more characteristic Canadian bits, if it will not confuse its description of sav a characteristic Canadian with, well say an Esquimaux, for instance. I see that Agnes Deans Cameron is lecturing again, so tremble for the consequences.

Walking home with three friends, from a "ladies only" party, one night last week, very naturally perhaps, the conversation turned on one's fear of a dark or empty house, and the thousand and one subtle and insignificant causes and occasions that tend to make the average person "nervous."

The summer holidays, when a great many families are away from home and only the head of the house remains, also came up for a share of attention, because, while the average man will like a trooper and declare that he isn't afraid to stay alone, if you talk to him seriously on the subject he will confess that "of course he takes a look around before he turns in," and—well you know, of course his loneliness, etc. Yes, we know.

Indeed we do. Very much better too than he ever can know, because, as a rule, "we" are at home when "he" arrives.

The lonely house generally falls to the lot of the woman and so become a commonplace. To the man it is a novelty and, in consequence, an interesting topic of conversation.

All three of my friends agreed that it wasn't the fear of an actual person that alarmed them so much in remaining in a house alone, or going about after dark without an escort, so much as the creepy sensation of running across some impalpable but horrible "something," unnameable but fearful.

What is there in an empty building to inspire this apprehension?

Why do we dread to be alone? You find this nervousness in big strong men and women oftentimes to a far greater extent than you do in their frail and almost physically helpless brothers and sisters. From which one very readily conjectures that imagination and one's mental condition play a very large part in "seeing things" at night. There is a short poem called "Premonition" that I recall in this connection.

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And resolute will
That defeated a hundred frank foes
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A sound, slight, but insignificant—
Something
Inimical stirred.
And diving a measureless force
In the shadow dismayed.
Stout Purpose, full-saturated, one minute
Was faint and afraid."

Apprehension! Premonition!
For what are we listening?
Why will the sighing of the wind,
or the creaking of a board make
a strong man tremble, and the
heart of a sensitive woman almost
stop its beating?
Is it something super-natural
that seeks out lonely souls to torture
them; some ghost that will
not be laid?
I wonder.

Well a man who came to dinner with me on Sunday, discussed the question frankly at any rate.
Yes, he acknowledged he didn't like being left alone in a house.

All last summer he had fought the thing out with himself. Naturally he didn't like to think he was a coward. (I have proofs from various friends that he has any amount of physical endurance and pluck in the ordinary matters of life.) Still he had to confess that everytime, even say when he came home to get batch dinner at 6.30 p. m., he found himself turning the key in the

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As this department is being prepared the census returns are being eagerly anticipated. A report, which bears all the evidence of probability, has it that Edmonton's population will be in the neighborhood of 26,000. With Strathcona, North Edmonton and West Edmonton, which will be included in the greater city, the total should thus come to nearly 35,000.

A Calgary despatch says:

"According to private advices received here by C. A. Owens, a Calgary real estate man, the population of this city under the new city is 43,870. Mr. Owens received a message from Ottawa this morning giving these figures, and is sure they are correct. This shows an increase of 970 per cent. over the census of ten years ago, when the figures were slightly over 4,000. No disappointment over the returns is felt here because it is known fact that the enumeration was carelessly made, and there is no doubt that thousands were left off the list."

This is foolish talk. The thousands alleged to have been left off could have been communicated with the local director of the census before the returns were sent to Ottawa and the chief census officer at the capital has just sent out a notice asking that all persons who believe or suspect that they have not been enumerated by the census officers communicate with him. This can be done by sending an unstamped letter to Mr. Archibald Blue, Census Bureau, Ottawa. The letters should give the names, number of persons, street and street number, if the persons who believe they have been omitted live in cities or towns, and the concession and number of the lot in the country. Mr. Blue states that if it is found that such persons have not been enumerated means will at once be taken to remedy the defects through the local census officers, who are responsible if any mistakes have been made.

H. W. Gundy of Calgary returned this week from a trip to the Peace River country.

"As a whole it beats the world," was the tribute paid that region by Mr. Gundy, who is an expert judge of farming lands.

"The moment the railways get in, I think there will be the biggest movement in the history of America into that country. But at the present time I wouldn't advise farmers to go in as settlers with less than three or four thousand dollars capital."

Dr. Heinrich Ries of Cornell University and Mr. Joseph Keefe of the Geological survey are continuing their investigations into the clays of the Edmonton district, which they last year pronounced as the best west of Nova Scotia and the basis of a huge industry.

A gas strike has been made at Totfield, further reports in regard to which are awaited with much interest.

F. B. Carler, superintendent of Armour & Co., Chicago, and A. A. Hollander, the Spokane manager, visited Edmonton this week with a view, it is said of staking up the city as a possible location for a branch.

It is estimated that the buildings in Edmonton completed in Edmonton this season or still under construction have a total value of \$3,700,000.

The city commissioners have recommended that a limit of six stories be placed on the height of all buildings. This may be all right now but it can hardly be maintained with great growth. It would tend to stretch the business district out to the inconvenience of the public.

Work on the stock pavilion at the exhibition grounds will be commenced immediately after the fair in August. The cost will be \$120,000.

After rejoicing over the amount of rain that had fallen, many Westerners are beginning to fear that there will be too much. Certainly the necessity from now on is good ripening weather.

How different the conditions are in the greater part of the continent. Forest fires are raging in Ontario with enormous loss to life and property. The farmers of the Western States are being burnt up. An interesting sidelight is thrown on the state of affairs in Kansas by Uncle Walt Mason in one of his famous prose-poems:

J. Pluvius turned on the crank that operates his water tank. He watched the baking earth below, and heard the people wail in woe, but not a bit did he relent; he didn't seem to care a cent. Old Vulcan heard the people's wails, where he was making horseshoe nails, and said: "Say, Pluvius, turn on the drink! Those folks below are on the blink." But Pluvius replied: "Gee whiz! You'll see me here to run my biz! I tell you, Vulc, those mortal men must have a lesson now and then. For many years I've sent them rain, and crops have grown on every plain. Prosperity was at their doors, where now the wolf of famine roars. And while I kept their planet wet, there was a carnival of debt. Men blew their substance, wild and free, as though it grew upon a tree. Their stock of luxuries enlarged, they bought food things and had them charged. Men threw their money at the stars, and traded homes for chug-chug cars, and rioted at every chance, like drunken sailors at a dance. And so I cooked their blame old earth, to teach them what good fortune's worth. When they have chewed on husks a while they'll learn to save their little pile."

Instead of chewing on their husks in Kansas, what they are liable to do is to sell their farms for what they can get and join the rush to Canada.

Canadian municipalities have been frequent borrowers in the London market during the past six years. Their flotations from January, 1905, to April, 1911, amount to over \$63,000,000, chiefly for local improvements. The figures for the different municipalities have recently been compiled and are as follows:

City	Amount
Winnipeg, Man.	\$2,827,642
Montreal, Que.	2,523,800
Vancouver, B. C.	1,968,900
Edmonton, Alta.	802,100
Calgary, Alta.	583,200
Maisonneuve, Que.	879,000
Westmount, Que.	500,000
Toronto, Ont.	394,100
Victoria, B. C.	277,360
Hamilton, Ont.	204,000
Saskatoon, Sask.	188,600
Regina, Sask.	318,300
Quebec, P. Q.	407,621
Fort William, Ont.	165,100
Ottawa, Ont.	156,900
St. John, N. B.	115,000
Port Arthur, Ont.	110,700
Sherbrook, Que.	102,700
Moose Jaw, Sask.	101,300

Mr. F. W. Peters states that work on the C.P.R. shops, wherever located, will be commenced this year.

The Macleod Advertiser has it figured out that if a 60x90 foot lot in that town is worth \$400, a lot in Calgary should sell for \$200, because it is only about half as large as a Macleod lot. Following the same line of argument, it would seem that a 25x50 foot lot on Broadway or Forty-second street in little old New York should bring about \$103.30 net. But, of course, in the Macleod transaction you'd get enough stones thrown in to keep the lot from blowing away—and that should be worth something—Pincher Creek Echo.

"I can remember," said Mr. Harper Wilson, in an old-timer's interview with The Winnipeg Telegram, "that all the big transfers in land and real estate in the first year that I was here were celebrated in champagne. Immense amounts of money were turned over, and the fellows who were making the money spent it freely, and there was a very hopeful tone to the business life in the city all that first winter. Everyone was making money, and get-rich-everything went well until the slump in the Edmonton townsite lots that were put on the Winnipeg quick schemes were in abundance. The market fell flat. All our air

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castles of wealth and comfort fell without warning around our unsuspecting ears, and we were almost all of us poorer than when we landed, and saddled with property on which we could not pay in taxes."

The Vancouver Province says: Mr. Theodore Revillon of Paris, France, on whose behalf an option was recently secured on several hundred feet of Burrard Inlet waterfront to the west of the foot of Salisbury Drive, and who, it is stated, is considering a deal for the purchase of the outer wharf property at Victoria owned by R. P. Rithet & Co., arrived in Vancouver yesterday.

Mr. Revillon spent yesterday afternoon inspecting the optioned property on the Inlet and in making arrangements for establishing in Vancouver an agency for the loaning of some \$6,000,000 or \$7,000,000 of French capital on first mortgage securities in this city and district. Negotiations are now proceeding between Mr. Revillon and a well-known Vancouver firm for the handling of an immense amount of capital, and it is expected arrangements will be concluded by the end of this week.

In company with Mr. V. E. Roberts who acted on his behalf in the matter of the option on the Vancouver waterfront property, Mr. Revillon yesterday visited the ground, which is owned by Mr. Robert Kelly of Vancouver. It is learned that tomorrow an engineer will go over the property to secure certain data required by Mr. Revillon and the option may be closed before the end of the week.

A Calgary despatch says: That the story that he had sold his "First Thought" mine in Orient, Washington, is a fabrication, and apparently started here and in Winnipeg by people interested in selling mining stock in properties in the vicinity, is the statement of Pat Burns, Alberta's millionaire cattle king, who returned from Lebridge yesterday.

Mr. Burns stated that he had seen an article regarding the sale of the mine in the News-Telegram, in which the price paid was said to be \$8,000,000 and he wished to stop working men and others who might be induced to invest in the surrounding property on the strength of the article from doing so. He also stated that a similar story was started in Calgary about one year ago by people interested in the mines in the vicinity, only at that time the price was fixed at \$2,000,000. At the present time the "First Thought" mine is closed down, and even when operating it is only employing about 18 men.

Edmonton Will Get Gas at \$1.48 Calgary Pays Much Higher Price

Comparison of Prices in Western Cities Shows that the Price Stipulated in Agreement With International Company is Materially Lower than in Calgary, Vancouver or Brandon. Voting Bylaw Takes Place August fourteenth.

The bylaw to be voted on August fourteen confirming the agreement entered into between the city and the International Heating and Lighting company for the manufacture and distribution of artificial gas, will undoubtedly receive very general approval at the hands of the ratepayers of the city.

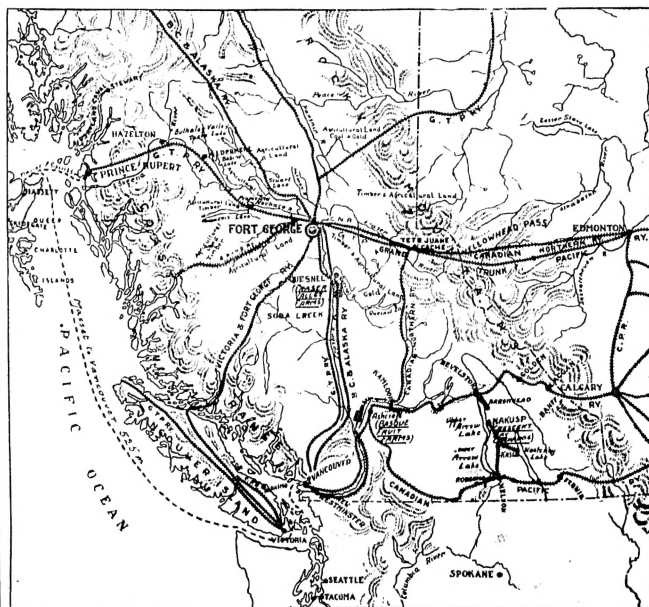
Under the agreement which has been negotiated by the city council and the commissioners the price of gas at the outset is to be \$1.48 cents per thousand cubic feet net. This is an exceptionally low price as compared to the charge made in Calgary, Vancouver, Brandon and Winnipeg, the other western cities where artificial gas is used.

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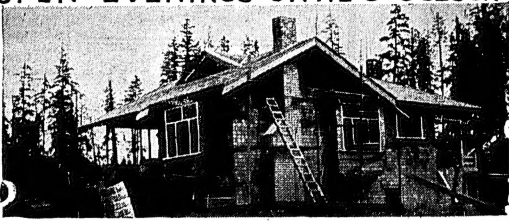
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The even of the week has been the winning of the King's Prize at Bisley by Private Clifford of Toronto. He belongs to the Royal Grenadiers, the regiment of which Col. Stimson, this year's commander of the Bisley team, is at the head. It is now sixteen years since Hamilton went wild over the victory of Hayhurst, who won the trophy first for Canada. I was in the city under the mountain the night that he came home and never saw such enthusiasm before or since. Seven years after Perry of Vancouver repeated the performance. Edmonton has had hopes at different times that McInnis would bring the prize here. There is little doubt that he was as good an all-round marksman as there was in the Dominion and his day is by no means over. He goes to Ottawa with the Alberta team this year. Those chosen as a result of the shooting last week at Calgary are:

Corp. Regan, 101st; Pie, Francis, 103rd; Mr. Wright of Coleridge; Sergt. Chamberlain, 103rd; Sergt. Freeze, 103rd; Lieut. Bowen, 19th; Sergt. McInnis, 19th; Lieut. Young, 15th; Mr. Krause of Medicine Hat; Capt. Martin, 103rd; A. P. Chamberlain, Didsbury; and Mr. Finley, Medicine Hat, with Mr. Thorsen, Calgary; Mr. Sallows, Coleridge; and Mr. Fox, Calgary, on the waiting list. Corporal Regan's splendid shooting was a source of great satisfaction to the members of his regiment and to citizens generally.

The golf course which has just been laid at Banff was formally opened on Saturday last, many outside enthusiasts being present. There is no doubt that the links will add much to the attractiveness of the resort.

They are situated between Rundell and Tunnel mountain on rolling land, near the Bow river, and are for the use of the guests who stop at the hotel and visit Banff throughout the season. A beautiful club house is being erected on the grounds, which at the present time is not completed. It is of the bungalow type, with comfortable rooms for smoking and lounging. It is also fitted with up-to-date furnishings.

The Alberta championship events are due to be played off in Edmonton this year. It has been suggested that they should be held at Banff but in view of the newness of the course, this looks a little premature.

The baseball situation from an Edmonton standpoint is cheerless. The release of Luss and Brennan, both of whom were decided favorites in other years, has given rise to much controversy. But there was no doubt about the need of doing something along this line and Manager White's friends believe that he will yet be able to justify his action. Even Calgary sportswriters, after studying the schedule for the balance of this season, admit that the chances are all in favor of Moosejaw's capturing the pennant.

The grounds could not have been in worse shape than on Saturday afternoon for the provincial athletic games yet first-class sport was provided. Parney of the Edmonton Y.M.C.A. broke the Alberta 100 yard record, going the distance in 10 1-5, which is getting close to the limit. New records were also established for the discus, the 56 pound and the 16 pound shot. Roberts of the Y.M.C.A. sent the discus 105 feet, 2 inches, and the 56 pound 29 feet, one inch, while Cameron of the police sent the 16 pound a



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distance of 39 feet, eight inches. Decoteau won the distance events without much trouble and was but one point beyond Roberts in the individual points' competition. The Y.M.C.A. won the club points competition handsly with 84, the police having 41, and the Calgary Y.M.C.A. 34. McNeil and Hepburn were the star performers for Calgary, the former capturing the 120 yard hurdle race and the pole vault, while the latter took the quarter and the half mile races.

The English county cricket championship race was never more interesting. The most distinctive feature has been the rise of the formerly obscure Northamptonshire team. A month ago they caused a sensation by defeating Kent and last week won out by 44 runs against Yorkshire, which knowing ones have been counting on as the season's victors. As far as one can judge from the unsatisfactory cricket news given by the cable, Kent and Surrey should be in the top positions at the moment.

As to individual performers, two players of the highest order have shot to the front, F. R. Foster, the Warwickshire captain, who made a dashing 200 against Surrey recently and has been doing bowling wonders as well, and Hardinge, the young Kent professional, whose batting has been brilliant throughout. C. B. Fry has shown that he is still good for many centuries and has been asked to captain the team which will visit Australia next winter.

The National Baseball league is witnessing a game struggle. At time of writing New York, Philadelphia and Chicago are on practically even terms at the top, with St. Louis only a score or so behind, while Pittsburgh may at any time jump in a week from the fifth to first.

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Why should any of us be hot? It is the simplest thing in the world to avoid. Mr. William Morgan writes on "The Secret of Life Revealed" and explains how to keep cool during July and August.

"Keep to that part of the house," he tells us, "farthest away from the sun, preferably where there is a bit of a breeze. Leave all work alone, as that also gives rise to heat."

This is admirable. How is it no one ever thought of it before? Let us all start spending the days at home in a cool spot lounging on a steamer chair. The only trouble is that Mr. Morgan would have to supply some magic by which the wheat crop could harvest itself, next winter's coal supply be put into our cellars, the various household necessities of every day be furnished and the meals, which we presume even Mr. Morgan would eat, cooked. Like most fine theories, this is very attractive, but it won't work out.

A man and a woman boarded a westbound street car together, the woman carrying a heavy suitcase. The man took the only vacant seat, leaving the woman standing. An indignant passenger remonstrated, saying, "You ought to be ashamed to let that woman stand." The other looked at him in astonishment. "That's a good joke on you," he answered. "Why, she's my wife!"

"Help! help! I'm drowning!" cried the young woman at the seashore.

"We're all married men here," shouted one of the crowd on the beach.

"Never mind, then," replied the young woman. "I'll get to shore myself."

"Poor old Alf!" sighed Mrs. Crimp, as the form of her husband vanished down the road.

"He's growin' shockin' bald!"

"Yes, I've noticed it," assented her neighbor. "Ever since his last illness, he's been moulting, as you might say. I hope he ain't worryin'."

"Well, it do bother him a bit," she admitted.

"And well it might," said her neighbor. "When my old man lost his hair, he felt the cold somethin' terrible."

"Oh, it ain't the cold that worries Alf," replied Mrs. Crimp. "It's the bother he has when he's washin' himself, he can't tell where his face finishes!"

The wealthy are now putting in next winter's coal. Next to owning an automobile that's one of our ambitions.—E. A. G., in Detroit Free Press.

A maiden lady, Miss Cocker by name, and her niece, who bears the same cognomen, went one evening to a reception at the house of a friend.

"What name, please?" inquired the footman.

"Miss Cocker," answered the elder lady.

"Miss Cocker, too," joined in the niece, hurriedly.

Whereupon the man of plush and buttons opened the drawing-room door, and, with all the dignity of his profession, ushered them into the midst of the company with the convulsing announcement:

"Miss Cocker and Miss Cockatoo!"

J. K. Bangs conducts the Editor's Drawer in Harper's Magazine. The well-known writer of humorous verse, Carolyn Wells, sent a poetical contribution to it in which she asked if all these clever new poets whose work appeared in the Drawer were really Mr. Bangs under a pseudonym.

He replies in this fashion in the last number:

You do right well, O Lady Fair,
In all the verse you see
Behind the name's that written there

To look for little me.
And if you seek the prettiest
Of all my magic spells,
The wisest and the witliest—

Read those I sign
Just 'Carolyn' Wells!

It was the first night of the great drama "Saved by a Pin," and Orfool Howle, the famous tragedian, was too ill to appear. He wrung his hands as he thought of the effect of his non-appearance on the audience. In their frenzy they might even wreck the theatre!

Suddenly an inspiration came to him, and seizing a telegram form, he wired to his manager "Too ill to appear. Give audience money back—Orfool Howle."

Two hours later he got a reply. Eagerly he tore it open. What had happened? Had the audience voted? No! The telegram read: "Have audience his money back and he has gone home satisfied!"

WEALTH OF THE SOUTH FORK

(Blairmore Enterprise)

The importance of the South Fork country is becoming more and more realized, and today we find that several railway companies have engineers going through that country for the purpose of finding the most feasible course through which to build a railroad.

The Southern Central Pacific Railway company have several surveyors working on a proposed route from near Lundbreck through the immense coal fields of the South Fork and then on to the International boundary line near Coult's.

Some Canadian Pacific Railway engineers have just returned from a trip through the North Kootenay Pass, and have expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the possibility of constructing a railroad through the valuable coal properties along that Pass.

In an interview this week with John Angus MacDonald, who owns considerable interest in the South Fork we are informed that nine big and valuable coal properties could be extensively operated if any means of transportation were available, and a railroad from near Lundbreck through the North Kootenay Pass to a distance of about twenty miles reach those valuable coal properties.

Mr. MacDonald says that the coal in that section of the country is of high grade bituminous and may be very easily mined.

The South Fork country has not only an abundance of good quality steam and coke coal, but it has large deposits of fire clay. The country throughout is heavily timbered and has lots of good pulp wood, so that there is a strong probability of a large pulp mill being erected there as soon as the iron horse is heard snorting in that direction. The Chicago-Alberta Oil Co. have a diamond drill at work boring here for oil and indications are encouraging. The Head syndicate has a large number of men doing general development work.

There is a rumor afloat to the effect that a railroad may be built from near Pincher City or Cowley, through the North Kootenay Pass to Elk. If a line is constructed over this proposed route it will be shorter than the Crow's Nest branch of the C.P.R., by about twenty-one miles.

THE NORTH-EASTERN ARABS

In the March 'Geographical Journal' Captain G. E. Leachman describes his journey in North-Eastern Arabia. Some readers may be surprised to learn from his narrative the fighting strength, still mobilised and active, of the Arabs. He met the Anaze, by far the largest tribe in Arabia, on a foray. He says: "Looking from an eminence, the desert as far as the eye could reach was a moving mass of Arabs, each section moving on its own line." As a rule the mounted men marched in front, then came dromedary riders; in the midst of them, on a picked dromedary was the "Mirkab" of the Roalla. "This consists of a frame covered with black ostrich feathers in which a malden from the sheik's family rides in battle, exhorting the combatants to deeds of valour. In former times the Mirkab was a familiar sight in Beduin warfare, but now the Roalla are the only Beduin in possession of one. Captain Leachman says that of the Anaze foray he counted roughly 3,500 tents, which was only a small portion of the whole. Daily there arrived contingents of Arabs from the tribes of the Euphrates valley, who had been brought to join this movement in the hope of loot. The rival tribe of the Shammar had by their allies the townsfolk of Hail. The people of the Emir of Hail have dropped the strict Wahabi tenets that were formerly prevalent. Now tobacco is practically used everywhere.

But the Hail folk are still most strict in their observance of prayer. Absentees from prayer, after the Muezzin has sounded, are noticed, and often beaten. Yet they are not fanatical Moslems. They would eat food with a Christian though they would not with a Shia. Amongst the Arabs are scattered a curious people, called the Slayb, about whom the Arabs are as ignorant and curious as we.

PATRIOTIC BUT IGNORANT

"Patriotism, unless backed up by intelligence and ability, is worth little."

Thus William Jennings Bryan once ended a Fourth of July address in Lincoln.

"The man who has nothing behind his patriotism," Mr. Bryan added, "is as badly off as a certain recruit of whom I recently heard."

"This recruit was being put through an examination in geography, wherein he proved himself astonishingly ignorant. At last, after a failure on his part of unusual flagrancy, the examiner scowled at him, and thundered:

"Idiot! You want to defend your country and you don't know where it is."—New York Tribune.

SIMILARLY DIFFERENT

The difference between a weather prophet and a weather forecaster may be easily defined. The prophet sits in front of a country store and whistles. The forecaster has a university degree. And both generally are wrong.—Toronto News.

MIRROR

(Continued from page 3)

lock with an odd sensation of expecting something when the door would open, and later of stamping in with an unnecessary amount of violence.

Furthermore he ate his lonely meal with more appreciation had he first made a tour of the house, from attic to cellar.

This summer he determined to slay his Ghost. There was only one way to do it.

Not to think fear.

Heigho, then, see him come whistling along the street at eleven or twelve p. m. In goes the key, nothing to hurt. Perhaps for safety he takes a general look around. That is all. To bed with his thoughts on pleasant things. A quiet night.

The sense of Death and Ghosts is most in apprehension.

I think we have, most of us, a great deal to learn about auto-suggestion, or the habit of concentrating our minds on beautiful and happy things.

The mentally and physically fearless person has a great start in life ahead of the crowd.

Yesterday matter seemed to control science or mind. It was the day when a huge fighter entering the arena seemed to be the dead-sure winner over a smaller opponent.

Now we know that might is no guarantee of victory, but that Science is everything.

It controls humans, and one "thinking" machine can do the work of a hundred men.

No, I am not a Christian Scientist. I haven't even read a line of their literature. But I am discovering that most of my troubles and ills lie chiefly in apprehension.

I would be foolish not to profit by the knowledge.

I wonder if all this dissertation isn't, boiled down, only another way of expressing, what an intimate of mine, a girl with a thinking mind, meant when she said—"What we all need to cultivate is 'poise.'"

From away down by the lake-side, dear girl, send me a line. Tell me too, is the quiet of your happy hunting-ground, and the happy hunting-ground, and the silence—helping to bring it to you?

GROWTH OF GOOD WILL

From the days when the Prince Consort read to his children the poems of Longfellow in preference to those of any other poet down to the present time there has been a steady growth in goodwill, in spite of moments of strain, between the great branches of the British race. That good-will is reflected in a thousand ways which none but the churchill can refuse to see and it is one of the best fruits of true Imperialism. Free commercial intercourse can only help that good will.—Montreal Daily Witness.

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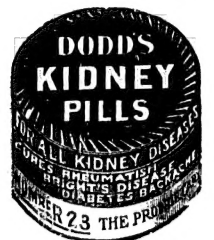
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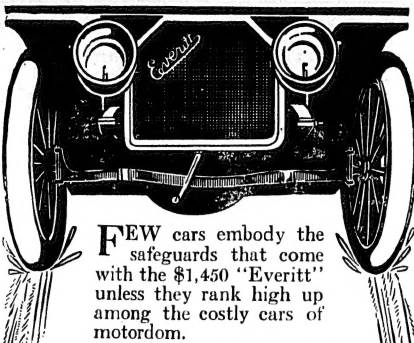
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The Humble Peacemaker

The best stories of human kindness are generally cherished in secret, because the persons involved do not wish them to be circulated. A fruit farmer told this one about himself and his friend Hayes—but not till Johnny Devers, who in modesty forbade him, had moved to a distant state.

"Hayes and I had been 'at outs' for ten years, and hadn't spoken. I'd long forgotten what the quarrel was about, but though he never did anything against me, he avoided me and didn't speak and something kept me from speaking first.

"Then one day in early summer old Johnny Devers, the shoemaker, drove past, going to visit his married daughter in the country. Johnny was poor, for factory shoes had forced him out of business. My harvest apples were the earliest in the town, so I gathered a boxful and set them in Johnny's buggy. I remembered saying I wished I had some potatoes, but my early ones had failed.

"Stop and get some more apples as you go back," I urged. But he declined, for he would not return till late in the night.

"The next morning a surprise overtook me in the shape of a half-bushel bag of potatoes on my front steps. No one but Charlie Hayes had Early Rose potatoes that season, as I well knew, and the initials C. H., were printed on a corner of the sack. Hayes had undoubtedly brought them, knowing my poor crop through others. It was generous of him, I thought, to make the gift, and manly, too, since it impelled overtures of friendship.

"That afternoon I took occasion to ride past his place. He raised his eyes to see if I was looking at him, but lowered them quickly, as though half-ashamed to be caught looking at me.

"I reined up and called 'Hello!' At the same instant he threw up his hands impulsively and cried 'Hello!' at me.

"The ice was broken. He came to the fence. We shook hands and talked the gossip of the town as if we'd been separated only a week. 'The past is past now, for me,' I said. 'It was all my fault, and I'm sorry. I should have made some advances.'

"Your fault nothing," he said. "It was I who held back."

"Any way," I replied, "I'm glad you broke it up at last."

"A puzzled expression came over his face. 'I wish I could take some credit for it,' said he, but it isn't much to say hello when the other fellow has made it easy for you."

"I must have looked puzzled then. I couldn't make him out—unless he was trying to pretend he knew nothing about the potatoes, and so give me the credit.

"Well," I said, "we won't start a new quarrel about who made up the old one. Now I must move on. By the way, you haven't any early apples, have you?"

"At this he grinned. He seemed to think I was joking.

"I guess you know how many I've got."

"I thought you had none so early. Well come over to my trees and help yourself."

"Thank you," he cried. "Glad to. The samples were first rate."

"The samples?"

"Yes, you needn't pretend. And say, I've been thinking maybe you'd like a mess of my early potatoes."

"I'm thinking," I answered, "that I had a mess of them this day noon."

"Then I saw he was not pretending, but was really mystified. Of my potatoes? What do you mean?"

"The bag you left."

"What bag? I left no bag at your place. I only wanted to give you some in exchange for the apples."

"We stood there about five minutes, staring at each other."

"Then the truth began to dawn. 'And I told Johnny Devers I needed potatoes,' I said.

"And I that I needed apples," added Hayes.

"That settles it. He knew that we were at logger-heads, and exchanged the two on his way home last night."

"That is my standard example

of the benefit of not letting the right hand know what the left is doing. We were reconciled and made happy. And Johnny didn't suffer from his sacrifice. Hayes and I together have supplied him with all the potatoes and apples he could eat till he went away.

—Youth's Companion.

THE CHICAGO VICE COMMISSION'S REPORT

The report of the Chicago Vice Commission is a thick book of nearly four hundred pages, of whose contents only an outline has been given by the newspapers.

It embodies in thoroughgoing, comprehensive form the results of the most searching investigation that has ever been made into the conditions and causes of vice in a great city, and is the most valuable contribution that has yet been made to existing data on this branch of moral reform.

The Commission had thirty members, with Dean Sumner, of the Cathedral of St. Paul, as its chairman, and among them were leading physicians, clergymen, judges, educators, practical workers in social reform, sociologists and business men.

This report will take an established place as an exhaustive study of the subject, authoritative in its treatment of facts.

The most interesting of the suggestions of the Commission is that of a Morals Court, together with a Morals Commission, both of which would be permanent, if established.

The fork of the Morals Commission is thus outlined:

"That the new tribunal or commission shall consist of five persons appointed by the mayor, with the consent of the city council, one member of which shall be a physician in good standing. The commissioner of health shall be an ex-officio member of the new body. The term of office shall be two years and the members shall serve without compensation. It shall be the duty of this body to take such steps as are necessary to suppress vice and the present 'levee district' in the city and collect evidence of violations of the city and state laws governing such places.

The Morals Court evidently would handle all matters growing out of the suppression of the vicious resorts and the regulation of the social evil.

A "morals squad" of women police would be appointed to visit and care for girls and women brought within the reformatory or punitive jurisdiction of the municipality.

The plan would seem to contemplate an entirely new line of attack, outside the regular courts and police, on the social evil, and the Chicago city government's action on the project will be awaited with interest.

It is a serious and certainly a progressive scheme of reform which the commission has recommended.

It may be mentioned that the report of the Commission contains a scathing severe condemnation of the methods resorted to by "evangelists" who make spectacular visits, to the vice districts of cities as a regular part of the modern "evangelistic" circus performances.

A POLITE ACKNOWLEDGMENT

After a "command" performance in Queen Victoria's time it was the custom for Her Majesty's secretary to send a letter of thanks to the responsible manager.

Sir Henry Ponsonby, upon whom this duty devolved, was the soul of politeness, and, not wishing to make any invidious distinction, drew up one form of letter.

On the whole this plan worked well, but on one occasion the proprietor of a troupe of performing geese, which had entertained the royal children at a Windsor garden party received the following communication from Sir Henry:

"Sir—I am instructed by the Queen to thank you for your visit of yesterday, and to express the hope that the ladies and gentlemen of your company arrived safely in London and in good health!"—London Chronicle.

A 100,000-TON LINER

"Lord Pirrie has vouchsafed the opinion that the 100,000-ton liner is not an impossibility. At all events, tendencies are hurrying to that goal. In ten years the liner has leaped from 20,000 to 60,000 tons, and should the same rate of progress be maintained during the succeeding decade, the twentieth century will see the 100,000-tonner within measurable distance."

So says Mr. F. A. Talbot in the "World's Work" for April. He describes vividly the race between the shipbuilder and the dockbuilder. The continual increase of draught and length of ocean liners has compelled the harbour authorities, much against their will, to deepen and lengthen their quays and wharves and docks. New York has made many concessions to retain the transatlantic trade. Liverpool has started a comprehensive dock scheme to cost three and a half millions. The depth of water at the bar has increased from 11 feet to about 30 feet at the lowest condition of the tide.

London is also bestirring herself.

The river channel from Tilbury to London Bridge is to be widened and deepened to 30 ft.; while three docks of 65, 126, and 138 acres respectively are to be constructed at Tilbury to meet any possible growth in dimensions of vessels for many years to come. It is a huge undertaking which will occupy some twenty years to complete; while the cost will run into the neighborhood of £14,000,000.

Probably the day is far distant when a "Mauretania" will moor in the Pool between London and Tower Bridges, but that such vessels will be seen in the Thames is by no means unlikely. Such a port as London, possessed of deep-water approach and pier facilities akin to those existent at New York, for instance, would send the water-borne trade of the Thames soaring to a remarkable figure.

Bristol is also wide awake to her opportunities.

UNCLE LEM'S RULES

In a small city in the middle West, where there is a college, the book-store is a favorite meeting place for the students. The proprietor sympathizes with all students' interests, not alone for business reasons, but because of his own perennial youthfulness of spirit. This year, for the first time, an unusually rough bunch of young men was disposed to presume too much on Uncle Lem's well-known, good humor. One morning they were confronted by a large card, neatly lettered, as follows:

RULES

Do not shut the door. It will offend the flies.

Stamp all mud off on the floor, for if you use the door-mat it will soon wear out.

This is my busy day, so come in and hang around.

Please pit on the floor; do not use the cuspidor.

Smoke in here, for the ladies will enjoy it.

Please get things charged, as I don't like to be bothered to handle your cash.

A MATTER OF BREED

"Them fellers in the office of the Bee are what I call fresh," Deacon Ezra Bullock remarked to his wife at the supper table on his return from his monthly visit to the town of Balston.

"How so, father?" inquired Mrs. Bullock.

"Well," Mr. Bullock said, "one of my errands was from Sara Mabel Briggs. She wanted a short of food, but why they hadn't punctuated her last poem. They sent her a copy, and she said it made her most sick, the way they'd spilt her beautiful ideas."

"Well, when I'd got loaded up to come home I drove round to the Bee office an' composin'-room, an' beckoned a young feller in his shirt-sleeves to come out."

"Now," I says, 'you'll do her a favor if you tell me why you didn't punctuate Sara Mabel Briggs' last poem.'

"Cert'nly," s's he. "I'm not a pointer. I'm a setter."

After A Washington Home

(From the New York Sun)

A movement for the purchase of Sulgrave Manor, the home of George Washington's ancestors, by public subscription in America and England, is to be started by the national committee for the celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of peace among English speaking people 1914-15. The chairman of the committee is Andrew Carnegie, and the honorary chairman is Theodore Roosevelt.

The executive committee of the national committee met at 54 West Fortieth Street, and resolved to bring about the purchase of Sulgrave Manor, which is for sale, "as a memorial to the founder of the republic." An address to the public is to be issued and a public meeting will be called.

Tentative plans of the national committee, which was created in January, were announced. A committee consisting of John Hays Hammond, Bernard N. Baker, Theodore Marburg and William B. Howland will confer with representative Britishers in London this summer with a view to forming an international committee. In Japan this fall Hamilton Holt is to see about Japanese participation, and John E. Hedges will represent the American body in a conference at Ghent.

Originally there were several movements in the United States for a celebration of the Ghent centenary. Some of these have been merged with the greater scheme. One of them is for the erection of a memorial bridge, possibly by joint subscription of the United States and Canadian governments, the state of New York and the province of Ontario, besides popular subscriptions.

HOT WEATHER THOUGHTS.

When the fierce sun flaming down
Makes an oven of the town
And the pavement glazes and
blazes,
Almost blistering the feet,
Do not wall about the heat,
Rather search for cooling
phrases.

There is magic in a word,
Even if it scarce be heard,
Though the heat may melt a
mountain,
Instant comfort you may find
If you concentrate your mind
While you murmur, "Plashing
fountain!"

So I'm thinking rills,
Shady grots and snow-clad hills,
Juley melons, grapes and
peaches,
Clear, iced drinks that foam with-
in
Tumblers exquisitely thin,
Long waves lapping sandy
beaches!

No, that isn't strictly true;
That is what I cannot do
Even though my heart be will-
ing,
For, my thoughts my will defying,
can only think of frying,
baking, boiling, stewing, grill-
ing.

---TOUCHSTONE in London Mail.

PYROTECHNICS

(From The Toledo Blade)

For almost two hours the audience sufficed itself on the musical feast that was presented. Almost all of the multifarious phases of musical interpretations were brought out by the rendition of the popular programme with which the festival closed. Time and again the audience was held enthralled by the exquisite web of silken music which shimmered with delicate colors and softened tones, while the occasions were numerous when the glorious splendor of the ensemble rang out with all its complex beauty, strings, wood-winds and brasses taking up the tonal development with the gradual broadening and strengthening of the crescendos until the glorious volume of melody, graduated into fortissimo climaxes that surged in billows of sound like a tempest. Specific points of super-excellence in effects might be cited at infinitum.



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Home and Society

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney B. Woods are sailing from Liverpool on Aug. 5th.

Mr. Woods has let the contract for one of the handsomest, and probably the most complete and commodious house in Edmonton, to be built on his fine property in Glenora this summer.

Dr. and Mrs. James Biggar are spending a fortnight's holiday in Mr. and Mrs. Heathcott's cottage at Lac Ste. Anne.

Mr. Emery spent last week-end with his family at Gull Lake.

Mrs. Oliver, who has been spending the past week with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Anderson, left for Ottawa on Wednesday night.

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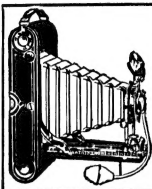


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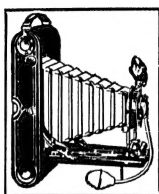


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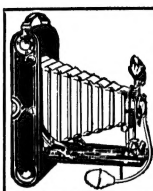


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